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Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senator
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Senator Gramm:

This is in reply to your letter of February 9, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Bart J. Morris, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

Mr. Morris is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

Enclosed 26 pages
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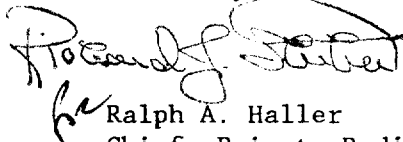
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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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A constituent has sent the enclosed communication. A response which addressed his/her concerns would be appreciated.

Please send you response, together with the constituent's correspondence, to the following address:

Office of Senator Phil Gramm
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Attention: Georg'a Brown

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January 30, 1993
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Dear Senator Gramm,

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very hobby of mine. I refer to radio controlled (RC) model airplanes and boats.

Their of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for the SAFE use of model aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by RC enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of the frequencies available to us. This will eliminate the SAFE use of at least 31 of the 50 of the frequencies used for model airplanes and 10 of the 30 frequencies used for surface models. In fact, it is possible that even more frequencies may be affected.

This action will have a severe and detrimental impact on me, other hobbyists, and the entire hobby industry. If put into effect, due to the mobile users transmitter strength, my models receivers could easily be swamped causing loss of control. This would create a very UNSAFE condition with the potential for bodily harm and property loss. Knowing when a mobile radio user is near by will be almost impossible to predict.

I have been involved in this hobby for over 50 years. I presently own four radios for model aircraft use. In addition, I have several engines and other accessories that support my hobby. When you consider that there are hundreds of thousands of RC hobbyists like myself, the proposed rule changes will have an impact on a lot of people and a detrimental impact on the hobby industry.

I urge you to help us keep the 10 Khz spacing between the 72 and 75 Mhz frequencies available for hobbyists. Please do not allow NPRM Part to be put into effect and eliminate a hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much invested by so many people nation wide. This hobby has always been an asset to society, providing a role model for proper and honest youth development. It will always continue to do so.

Respectfully,

Bart J. Morris
USAF Retired